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Behind the Scenes

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SUBJECT

*Neil Boggs talks with Winslow Peck AND
Full Text DAVE Phillips*

NEIL BOGGS: The murder of an American CIA official in Greece recently has caused shock and anger; shock that it happened, anger that before his murder he had been publicly identified as a CIA man by an American publication. Richard Welch was his name, and when his body was returned to Washington for burial, he was given honors seldom accorded a civilian. High-ranking officials were there, along with his family, and there was a military honor guard. By presidential order, a place was set aside for him in Arlington National Cemetery.

Welch, who was 46, was shot down as he returned to his home in Athens from a U.S. Embassy Christmas party. He'd been listed officially as a member of the embassy staff, but in fact he was head of CIA operations in Greece, working under a diplomatic cover. His killers have never been found.

Tonight we have two guests who'll be discussing the circumstances and various aspects of Welch's death. One is himself a former official of the Central Intelligence Agency; he is David Phillips, who now heads the Association of Retired Intelligence Officers. On the other side of the question is Winslow Peck. Peck is coeditor of the magazine Counter-Spy. It was Counter-Spy which some months ago published Welch's name, listing him as a CIA official.

I'll be talking with them when Behind the Scene continues.

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BOGGS: Richard Welch was buried two days ago in Arlington National Cemetery. President Ford was there, so was Secretary of State Henry Kissinger and other high government officials. Reporter